

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Howard Tanner, *et al.*
Divisional Application of Application No.: 09/108,191
Filed: July 1, 1998
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE SURGICAL REPAIR OF ANEURYSMS
Attorney Docket No.: 23660-00610

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.